

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
ASSIGN TRUST TO A KEY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.